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AUBREY WELLINGTON (WAYNE) NELSON,

74, a retired operations officer with the Central Intelligence Agency, died Oct. 11 at Sibley Memorial Hospital. He had cancer.

Mr. Nelson retired from the CIA in 1970 after serving in Turkey, Czechoslovakia, South Korea, West Germany and Washington. In retirement he wrote a suspense novel and composed crossword puzzles.

He was born in New York City, where he was an actor as a young man and adopted the stage name, Wayne Nelson. During World War II, he served in the old Office of Strategic Services (OSS), a predecessor agency of the CIA, in North Africa, Sicily, Sardinia and France. He was awarded a Bronze Star and the French Croix de Guerre.

After the war, he worked briefly for the U.S. Reparations Commission in Moscow, then was a technical adviser in Hollywood before joining the CIA in 1949.

A resident of Bethesda, he lived in the Washington area since 1958.

Survivors include his wife, Katherine, of Bethesda, and a daughter, Rae Katherine Nelson of Washington.

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